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TO: County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: IDENTIFYING COMMODITY FUMIGATION FACILITIES, NURSERY USE
AND OTHER FIXED LOCATIONS ROUTINELY USING METHYL
BROMIDE

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is collecting information characterizing the methyl bromide use sites which are not included in the first regulation package addressing soil fumigation. This information will be used to define the scope of an additional regulation package which will regulate commodity fumigation facilities, nursery sites, and other use sites which require transition from permit conditions to state regulations.

Instead of requesting to create a new document or develop a list of information from your files, we are asking counties to submit a listing of methyl bromide permitted sites for 2000 from the restricted materials permit program to your liaison Senior Pesticide Use Specialist by October 27, 2000, followed by a copy of each methyl bromide work site plan which is currently required by the existing permit conditions. We would like work site plans with all five sections completed (sections A through E inclusive) for the 2000 restricted material permits.

This information collection project will have a dual benefit in that it will also fulfill the identification of "crop preparation" facilities in California under regulations issued by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) effective January 1, 1998. The ARB and Air Pollution Control Districts/Air Quality Management Districts regulate a wide variety of facilities, such as refineries, chemical manufacturers, dry cleaners, and painting shops under the Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987, Assembly Bill 2588. In most cases, the law exempts pesticides in their pesticidal uses from this program. However, some post-harvest "crop preparation" facilities using methyl bromide, propylene oxide, or ethylene oxide prior to August 1, 1987, must comply with the Air Toxics Hot Spots provisions. A completed methyl bromide work site plan provides the information required by the program.

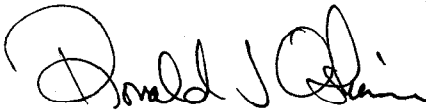
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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Mr. Bob Chavez, Program Specialist, Pesticide Enforcement Branch, at (916) 445-3886, or me at (916) 445-3931. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald J. Oshima". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being the most prominent part.

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cc: Mr. Bob Chavez
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